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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

PRINCE OF PEACE ENTERPRISES, INC..
Plaintiff,

2007 Civ. 0349 (RJH)

-against-.

TOP QUALITY FOOD MARKET, LLC, et al

2007 Civ. 6195 (RJH)

Defendants

MADISON ONE ACME, INC., a California corporation, d/b/a SOLSTICE MEDICINE CO., Plaintiff,

-against-.

JOINT CONSENT
SCHEDULING ORDER
&
JOINT RULE 26(f)
REPORT

PRINCE OF PEACE ENTERPRISES, INC., and KENNETH YEUNG, an individual of California, a/k/a YING SHUI YEUNG

Defendants

## JOINT CONSENT SCHEDULING ORDER AND

#### **JOINT RULE 26(F) REPORT**

Pursuant to Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, a conference was held on August 24, 2007 and was attended by Po Yuen, attorney for Prince of Peace Enterprises, Inc., ("POP") and Vern Schooley, attorney for Defendant Madison One Acme, Inc. ("Madison One"). Xian Feng Zou, attorney for Defendants, A & C Supermarket Inc., Favor Food Inc., Tu Chin Lin, Xuiyan Huang, and Yinghai Shi (A & C and Favor Food) did not attend the conference, but had a full opportunity to have input in this order...

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- A. Trade Libel;
- B. Unfair Competition;
- C. False Advertising;
- Intentional Interference with Prospective Business Advantage; and D.
- E. Defamation.

# A & C and Favor Food's Counterclaim are as follows:

Wrongful Seizure under 15 U.S.C. §1116(d)(11)

## Scheduling Order Point 1(d): Case Description - Legal and Factual Issues 4.

The principal issues in this suit and counter-suit are as follows:

- Federal Trademark Infringement/Non-Infringement of Reg. Nos. A. 1,840,260; 2,537,896; 3,065,427; 3,122,729; and 3,122,730;
- B. False Designation of Origin and False Descriptions and Representations;
- C. Federal Trademark Dilution;
- Dilution (Under Section 368-L of the N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law); D,
- Common Law Unfair Competition; E.
- F. Trade Libel:
- G. False Advertising;
- H, Intentional Interference with Prospective Business Advantage;
- I. Defamation;
- J. Wrongful Seizure;
- K. Standing; and
- L. Damages,

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With regard to Federal Trademark Infringement/Non-Infringement, the principal issue is whether Madison One infringes upon Reg. Nos. 1,840,260; 2,537,896; 3,065,427; 3,122,729; and/or 3,122,730. Other issues to be addressed in that regard will include, whether Madison One's Po Chai Pills create a likelihood of confusion; specifically, whether Madison One's Po Chai Pills constitute lawful parallel imports. Another issue to be addressed in this regard is POP's standing to sue under 15 U.S.C. § 1114.

With regard to False Designation of Origin and False Descriptions and Representations, the principal issues are whether Madison One's Po Chai Pills create a likelihood of confusion and/or falsely describe or represent Madison One's goods in the United States, and whether Madison One's Po Chai Pills constitute lawful parallel imports. The issues included under this issue are whether or not Madison One has distributed Po Chai Pills that do not bear required FDA labeling and whether the distribution of such unlabeled products constitute unfair competition.

With regard to Federal Trademark Dilution the principal issues are whether Plaintiff POP has standing to sue for dilution, whether the registrations identified in the First Amended Complaint are famous, whether Madison One's Po Chai Pills constitute lawful parallel imports, and whether Madison One's goods dilute the registrations identified by POP.

With regard to Dilution under New York statutory law, the principal issues are whether Plaintiff POP has standing to sue for dilution, whether the registrations identified in the First Amended Complaint are famous, whether Madison One's Po Chai Pills create a likelihood of confusion, and whether Madison One's Po Chai Pills constitute lawful parallel imports.

With regard to Common Law Unfair Competition the principal issues are whether Madison One's sale of Po Chai Pills constitutes unfair competition and whether Plaintiff POP's 45516.1

representations and actions to the public and Madison One's customers constitute unfair competition.

With regard to Trade Libel, the principal issue is whether POP has published false statements in its advertisements and letters with respect to Madison One's Po Chai Pills and Yunan Paiyao "Camellia" supplements.

With regard to False Advertising, the principal issue is whether POP has misrepresented the nature and scope of its trademark rights in untrue or misleading advertisements to customers and potential customers of Madison One.

With regard to Intentional Interference with Prospective Business Advantage, the principal issue is whether POP has knowingly interfered with Madison One's prospective business advantage.

With regard to Defamation, the principal issue is whether POP knowingly published false statements in its advertisements about Madison One to the detriment of Madison One.

With regard to damages, the principal issues are the amount of monetary damage suffered by POP and from the alleged infringement, alleged false designation of origin, alleged false description and representation, alleged federal and state trademark dilution, and alleged unfair competition and the amount of monetary damage suffered by Madison One from the alleged unfair competition, alleged trade libel, alleged false advertising, alleged intentional interference with prospective business advantage, and alleged defamation.

With regard to Wrongful Seizure, the Court previously ruled that Plaintiff has failed to show a likelihood of success and its preliminary injunction was denied. Therefore, one of the

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principal issue is whether the seizure was wrongful and whether POP acted in bad faith in commencing and executing the seizure, which would subject it to punitive damages.

#### Scheduling Order Point 1(e): Case Description - Relief Sought

Plaintiff POP requests that Madison One be enjoined from distributing Po Chai Pills, whether bearing proper FDA labeling or not. Plaintiff POP also requests an award of money damages that will be computed after receiving discovery as to the nature and scope of Madison One's activities.

Defendant/Counterclaimant Madison One requests that POP be denied all injunctive and monetary relief, that POP be denied all requests for judgment, and that POP take nothing by way of its Prayers for Relief. Madison One requests judgment that Madison One's Po Chai Pills are lawful parallel imports, judgment that Madison One did not engage in trademark infringement, false designation of origin and false description and representation, federal and state trademark dilution, and that Madison One did not engage in common law unfair competition. Madison One also requests judgment that POP lacks standing to sue for federal trademark infringement, federal trademark dilution, and state trademark dilution, that POP has engaged in Trade Libel, Unfair Competition, False Advertising, Intentional Interference with Prospective Business Advantage, and Defamation.

Defendant/Counterclaimant Madison One requests injunctive relief enjoining POP and Yeung from (1) charging or initiating any action for claims alleged in the instant action against Madison One, (2) unfairly competing with Madison One; (3) interfering with the prospective business advantage of Madison One; (4) committing false advertising pertaining to Madison One's business; (5) committing trade libel and/or defamation with respect to Madison One; and (6) engaging in unfair and deceptive trade practices and from injuring Madison One's business reputation.

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Finally, Madison One requests monetary damages in an amount yet to be ascertained resulting from POP's acts for which Madison One has counterclaimed, along with enhanced damages, punitive damages, and reasonable attorney's fees, expenses and costs in this action.

In regards to POP's claims, Defendants A & C and Favor Food request that POP be denied all injunctive and monetary relief and that POP's Amended Complaint be dismissed in its entirety. In regards to A & C and Favor Food's claims, Defendant's request that monetary damages be granted including damages for lost profits, cost of materials, loss of goodwill, punitive damages and legal fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1116(d)(11)

#### Scheduling Order Point 2: Proposed Case Management Plan <u>5.</u>

#### A. POINT 2(a): PENDING MOTIONS

There are presently no motions pending with this Court. However, the parties reserve the right to bring motions as warranted by the facts or law. Plaintiff POP intends to move for a preliminary injunction barring the distribution of Po Chai Pills that do not possess proper FDA labeling. Defendant/Counterclaimant Madison One anticipates bringing motion for partial summary judgment regarding infringement/non-infringement false designation of origin and false descriptions and representations, state dilution, and unfair competition.

#### В. POINT 2(b): CUT-OFF DATE FOR JOINDER OF PARTIES

The Parties propose a cut-off date for joinder of parties of March 14, 2008.

#### POINT 2(c): CUT-OFF DATE FOR AMENDMENTS TO C. **PLEADINGS**

The Parties propose a cut-off date for amendments to the pleadings of March 14, 2008.

#### POINT 2(d): PROPOSED DISCOVERY SCHEDULE D.

- 1. Discovery Cut-Off Dates:
  - Fact discovery: March 14, 2008; (i)

- Exchange of Expert Reports: April 15, 2008; (ii)
- (iii) Exchange of Rebuttal Expert Reports: May 16, 2008;
- (ii) Expert discovery: June 17, 2008.
- (iii) Motion to compel discovery cut-off date: March 7, 2008.
- 2. Final Motion Cut-Off Date:, July 11, 2008;
- 3. Pre-Trial Conference Date: July 18, 2008; and
- 4. Trial Date: August 5, 2008 (duration estimated to be between 3 and 4 days)

#### E. POINT 2(e): DEADLINE FOR FILING DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS

The Parties propose a cut-off date for filing dispositive motions of July 11, 2008.

#### E. POINT 2(f): DEADLINE FOR FINAL PRETRIAL ORDER

The Parties propose a deadline for a final pre-trial order of April 14, 2008.

#### POINT 2(g): PROPOSED TRIAL SCHEDULE F.

The Parties agree to a trial by jury and said jury trial has been so requested. The Parties propose a trial date of August 5, 2008 and anticipate the duration of trial to be between 3 and 4 days.

#### Point 3: Consent to Proceed Before a Magistrate Judge 6,

The Parties do not consent to the referral of any or all matters to a Magistrate Judge under 28 U.S.C. § 636 and the Scheduling Order Requirements issued by the Court on July 23, 2007.

#### Scheduling Order Point 4: Settlement Discussions <u>7.</u>

The Parties have engaged in an initial settlement discussion. The Parties believe a settlement conference may be helpful.

## FEDERAL RULE 26(t) CONSIDERATIONS

## Rule 26(f)(1): Anticipated Changes to Rule 26(a) Disclosure <u>8.</u>

The parties propose a deadline for the Initial Disclosure to be September 14, 2007, but do not recommend any changes to the form or requirement for disclosures under Rule 26(a).

#### Rule 26(f)(2): Intended Discovery Plan 9.

The parties agree that the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure should control.

POP intends to take 4 depositions, plus expert depositions, if necessary.

At present, Madison One intends to take a number of depositions in the amount not to exceed the ten permitted under Rule 30(a)(2)(A).

At present, A & C and Favor Food intend to take a number of depositions in the amount not to exceed the ten permitted under Rule 30(a)(2)(A).

The parties propose that fact discovery should proceed for 6 months from the date of the Rule 16 scheduling conference.

Based upon the information presently available to them, Madison One anticipates filing a motion for partial summary judgment on the issues of infringement, false designation of origin and false descriptions and representations, state dilution, and unfair competition. However, the parties reserve the right to bring any other motions as warranted by the facts or law. The parties propose that the cut-off date for filing dispositive motions be two weeks after the close of expert discovery.

The parties further propose that within one month of the fact discovery cut-off date, the parties shall exchange their expert reports on the issues. Within one month thereafter, the parties shall exchange their rebuttal reports. Expert discovery cut-off shall be one month thereafter. In summary, the discovery dates proposed by the parties are as follows:

The parties propose the following dates for discovery:

A. Initial Disclosures: September 14, 2007; 04/30/2002

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- C. Exchange of Expert Reports: April 15, 2008;
- Exchange of Rebuttal Expert Reports: May 16, 2008; D.
- E, Conclusion of Expert Discovery: June 17, 2008; and
- Motion to compel discovery cut-off date: March 7, 2008. F.

Plaintiff anticipates that discovery will be needed on at least the following subjects:

- Whether Madison One has distributed Po Chai Pills bearing registered marks Nos. (i) 1,840,260; 2,537,896; 3,065,427; 3,122,729; and 3,122,730;
- Whether Madison One has distributed Po Chai Pills that do not bear required (ii) FDA labeling;
- Whether Madison One has falsely represented that it is a legitimate distributor of (iii) Po Chai Pills; and

Defendants anticipates that discovery will be needed on at least the following subjects:

- Facts rebutting Plaintiff's allegations of infringement of trademark Registration (i) Nos. 1,840,260; 2,537,896; 3,065,427; 3,122,729; and 3,122,730;
- Facts rebutting Plaintiff's allegations of false designation of origin and false (ii) descriptions and representations;
- Facts rebutting Plaintiff's allegations of federal and state trademark dilution; (iii)
- Facts rebutting Plaintiff's allegations of common law unfair competition; (iv)
- Facts showing that Plaintiff is lacks standing to assert its claims for federal (v) trademark infringement and federal and state trademark dilution;
- Facts showing that Plaintiff engaged in Trade Libel; (vi)
- Facts showing that Plaintiff engaged in acts of Unfair Competition; (vii)
- (viii) Facts showing that Plaintiff engaged in False Advertising;

- Facts showing that Plaintiff committed Tortious Interference with Prospective (ix) Economic Advantage;
- Facts showing that Plaintiff engaged in acts of defamation against Madison One; (x)
- Facts relevant to the determination of damages in the event the trademarks (xi) identified by Plaintiff are found to be infringed and/or diluted and/or Defendant Madison One is found to have engaged in false designation of origin and false descriptions and representations and/or unfair competition;
- Facts relevant to the determination of damages in the event POP is found to have (xii) committed Trade Libel, and/or Unfair Competition, and/or False Advertising, and/or Intentional Interference with Prospective Business Advantage, and/or Defamation.
- Facts showing that Plaintiff acted in bad faith in commencing and executing the seizures at the premises of A & C and Favor Food.
- Facts relevant to the determination of damages in the event POP is found to have (xiv) committed a wrongful seizure.

## <u>10.</u> Federal Rule 26(f)(3): Discovery of Electronically Stored Information

The Parties agree that electronically stored information will be produced in both electronic and paper forms, if readable in paper form.

## <u>11.</u> Federal Rule 26(f)(4): Privileged Matter and Protective Orders

The Parties anticipate the entry of a protective order to protect the confidentiality of documents and information exchanged during discovery. It is anticipated by the Parties that a joint proposed protective order will be submitted to the Court for its consideration within two weeks of this report. No other orders are anticipated by the parties at this time.

## <u>12.</u> Federal Rule 26(f)(5): Limitations on Discovery

Pursuant to Rule 26(f)(5), the Parties do not currently propose changes to the limitations on discovery proposed under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or this Court's Local Rules.

The Parties further propose that no other limitations on discovery should be imposed.

#### 13. Federal Rule 26(f)(6): Other

None.

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## 14. Federal Rule 26(f)(2): The Parties Propose the Following Dates:

Pursuant to Rule 26(f)(2),(4), and the Order setting the scheduling conference issued by this Court on July 23, 2007, the parties propose a scheduling order under Rules 16(b)(1), 16(b)(2), 16(b)(3), 16(b)(5), and 16(b)(7) with the following dates:

- A. Discovery Cut-Off Dates:
  - (i) Fact discovery: March 14, 2008;
  - (ii) Exchange of Expert Reports: April 15, 2008;
  - (iii) Exchange of Rebuttal Expert Reports: May 16, 2008;
  - (iv) Expert discovery: June 17, 2008; and
  - (v) Motion to compel discovery cut-off date: March 7, 2008.
- B. Deadline for Joinder of Additional Parties to Amend the Pleadings: March 14, 2008;
- C. Final Motion Cut-Off Date:, July 11, 2008;
- D. Pre-Trial Conference Date: July 18, 2008;
- E. Deadline for a Final Pre-Trial Order: April 14, 2008; and
- F. Trial Date: August 5, 2008 (duration estimated to be between 3 and 4 days).

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I, Timothy J. Kelly, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the JOINT CONSENT SCHEDULING ORDER AND JOINT RULE 26(F) REPORT was served on the following counsel of record on this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2007, by First Class Mail, postage prepaid:

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